

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The subject matter of claims 2, 3, 9 and 11 has been incorporated into claim 1. Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to recite the presence of 10-50% surfactant – support may be found at page 7, line 24. Lastly, claim 1 has been amended to recite that effervescent action is produced upon contact with wash liquor. See page 4, lines 6-27 of the specification.

The amendment to claim 1 renders moot the rejections over Ramirez et al., US Patent 6,106,98, Barnet et al., US Patent 5,326,556, Ramirez et al., US Patent 6,096,702, Osipow et al., US Patent 4,726,944, Szymczak, US Patent 5,58,343, Chaussee, US Patent 5,334,325, Kurtz, WO 97/25408, Grollier et al., US Patent 4,871,530, Reidel et al., US Patent 2002/0182234, Monson, US Patent 5,902,225, Edwards et al., US Patent 5,523,081, and Harris, US Patent 4,219,333. Applicants call the Examiner's attention to the amendments. Applicants' composition is a composition for use in fabric washing wherein the effervescence is released upon contact with wash liquor. Applicants' composition, therefore, contains a high amount of surfactant. Also, applicants' claim 1 recites a product that releases effervescence upon contact with wash liquor, i.e. it is used in the laundry washing machine. Such products should have desirable effervescence, yet they cannot be the foaming products typically used for cleaning rugs and carpets as they will produce too much foam for the washing machine. None of the cited documents teaches or suggests a presently claimed product for use in the laundry machine which provides sufficient effervescence action upon contact with wash liquor and is not a self-foaming product that would be unsuitable for use in the washing machine due to the excess of foam.

In light of the availability of Terminal Disclaimer practice, applicants agree to the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer upon an indication of the allowable subject matter.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acknowledgement of documents submitted concurrently with a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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